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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JUNE 16, 2003**

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed June 16, 2003 ("Office Action").

This response is due on November 17, 2003 (November 16, 2003 is a Sunday) with a two month extension of time. Please charge any fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 15966-697 (CURA-197).

Amendments to the claims are shown in the listing of claims beginning on page 2.